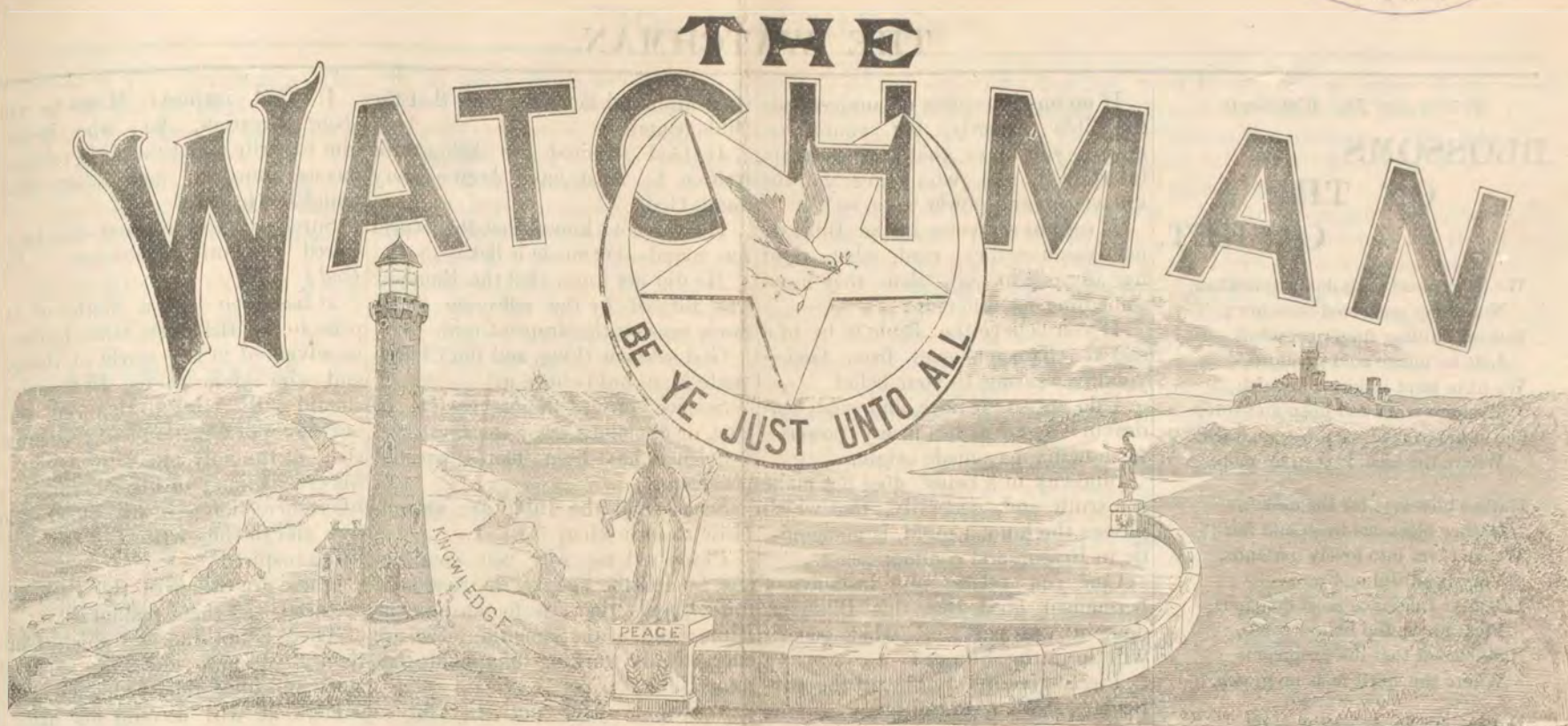


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CONTRASTS OF LIFE.

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SPIRIT HABITATION, OR PLANETARY LIFE.

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AMERICAN AND EASTERN CONGRESS
IN SPIRIT LIFE.

H. A. Berry, (neo Cate.),
Inspirational Writer and Amanuensis.

QUES. By A. B. S.

Taken in the Soul understanding, is there any such thing as Super-Natural Law?

ANS. When understood in the Soul sense, there is no Law of Life that reaches beyond the limitations of Nature.

All stages of Life, either physical or spiritual, are dependent upon Natural Law for existence.

The term, "Super-Natural Law," was first conceived of by such minds as could not recognize the fact that Natural Law embraces the ALL of Life—that there are two parts or two sides to this Law—one, the physical side, and the other, the spirit side.

Therefore, when the spirit side of Life was revealed to these beings, and they found the workings of a Law outside of their physical comprehension, they naturally concluded that it was a Law outside of Nature—they came to this conclusion, because of their limited vision and understanding—thus, the term, "Super-Natural" was given and accepted, and will remain a fixed term until the thinking, ruling minds accept and establish the fact, that there is nothing done outside of the attending Laws of Nature.

The spirit Law is that which governs the refined or rarefied side of Nature—but it is not outside of Natural Law; it is that which, when united with physical Law, completes

the Law of Life.

The term, "Super-Natural Law," is, of itself, an erroneous term.

QUES. By an Investigator.

Do Earthquakes, Volcanic Eruptions, Wind Storms, Water-spouts, Thunder Storms, &c., have a tendency to rarefy, refine, and develop the Earth Planet?

ANS. Most assuredly, they do.

Because all such eruptions of matter serve to rarefy and make pure its own composition, from the fact, that all such expulsions of earthly matter tend toward disintegration of that matter; and disintegration brings change of CHEMICAL components, hence, of integrant properties.

And where this disintegration of integrant properties is constantly going on, there will, of necessity, follow a great and wonderful rarefying effect.

QUES. By M. E. Fletcher.

Will Physical and Mental Warfare continue on the Earthly Sphere until all the Planets are refined and developed beyond exerting an influence of malevolence and contention?

ANS. In answering this question, we must first impress our readers with the fact, that the earth Sphere and material things upon the earth are powerfully influenced and acted upon by subtle forces emanating from surrounding Planets or Stella Spheres.

Therefore, in as much as these Planets are developed and matured: then, just in proportion will be the effect from their influence.

For instance: When a Planet is young or in a crude state of development, that Planet is constantly in an irritant state; it is constantly at war with its own integral self, and this influence is transmitted to other Planets and all material things upon those other Planets are influenced thereby.

Mental and Physical Warfare, or, rather, the contending for and the maintaining of Principles is greatly excited in physical and spirit beings by the influencing effect from these Planets while in conjunction with the earth Planet, we have before stated, but we will state again, that different people are affected by different Planets, in proportion to the affinity existing

between them as Souls, and the Planets as their native Soul Spheres.

Therefore, it will be seen that until the Planets are more perfectly unfolded, all Souls who find their nativity in these Planets, will be at war with other Souls who are not of their nativity, if, so be it, they live either in earthly, or in spirit or ethereal Life.

The influencing power from these Planets is not of an intellectual nature, only so far as it is expressed thro' beings of intellectual faculties. But the power, the force is purely of a CHEMICAL nature. It is erratic in its nature, and exciting in its effects, with some Planets, more so than others, according to their CHEMICAL purification—hence, the different effects from different Planets, as expressed thro', and demonstrated by animate things.

Yes, the influencing tendency from such Planets as are not matured and developed beyond this erratic state, will be to excite contention, warfare, and malevolent influences in all physical Life. And some spirit beings are similarly affected.

QUES. By Oliver Ditson Fisher.

As we understand it, Astronomical research declares, that the position of the Orbit occupied by what is known as the Asteroids, was, originally the Orbit of a Planet much larger in size than Jupiter, and that, by some great convulsion of Nature, said Planet was broken up into many small Planets.

If the above be true, what was the cause of so serious a convulsion of Nature?

ANS. From our Astronomical investigations, we should say that the calculation concerning the Asteroids, is based upon facts.

And, furthermore, we should say that the cause of such a convulsion of Nature, was the fact that the Planet was composed of highly charged CHEMICALS of a carbonaceous tendency; and that, from the nature and composition of the Planet, there was a constant internal fire of the most powerful force, such as would naturally cause a disintegration of its parts.

We have witnessed this action of Nature, in various forms, and are prepared to say, that it was in this wise that the Planet in question, was

broken into separate parts, as Astronomical research has determined.

QUES. No. 2. Why did it not affect the other Planets as well as this one?

ANS. From our remarks in giving the nature of the Planet in question, you will readily see that no other Planet would be likely to be similarly affected, unless it be composed of CHEMICALS nearly the same as the one alluded to.

QUES. No. 3. What effect did this convulsion have upon the spirit inhabitants of said Planet?

ANS. As near as we are enabled to ascertain, the effect of this convulsion, upon spirit inhabitants, was not very serious.

We are told that many spirits of other and surrounding Planets, at the period of this convulsion, did experience a sense of great commotion and jarring, which was, to them, the same as the shock of an earthquake, to mortals—but that it left no serious effects.

As regards spirit inhabitants of the Planet in question, we can but say, that, from our spiritual research, we are prepared to state, that, while a Planet is in such a crude state as the one in question must have been in order to ensure such a convulsion, no spirit inhabitants could exist within its atmosphere—none but the most deadly forms of Vegetable Life could have found life therein.

We do not say thereon, but, therein, because all forms of spirit Vegetation are as air plants—not as upon the earth plain.

Therefore, no spirit beings were caused to suffer, because there were none there to suffer.

A Planet, in order to support spirit Life, must be rarefied and CHEMICALLY pure: that is to say, the CHEMICAL action must be such as will sustain and give Life, rather than such as will destroy and consume Life forces.

And in a Planet such as the one in question, there would be naught but deadly vapors arising constantly from its composition, and from its atmospheric Sea around it—hence, no spirit Life therein.

Continued in Our Next.

Written for The Watchman.

BLOSSOMS ON THE CASKET.

We have plead with death relentless,
Not to lay our loved ones low;
But his chilling finger senseless
Left an image cold as snow—
We have wept in bitter anguish,
We have sorrowed deep and sore,
Till heart-broken we must languish,
Where the form is seen no more.

Gather blossoms for the casket,
Gather blossoms fresh and fair;
Weave them into lovely garlands,
Very beautiful and rare—
Let their fragrance most delicious,
Float above the hollow tomb,
Emblems of that life auspicious
Where the spirit feels no gloom.

Fill the icy hands with flowers,
Deck with buds the marble brow,
Let their touching magic powers,
Be a solace even now.
Joys immortal is their story
In the angel world above
Gem the Soul with fadeless glory
And a crown of wasteless love.

Let them breathe of Spheres eternal
Where no death-pang ever comes,
And the blushing groves supernal
Waving peace-balsms round Sweet
Homes

Let them voice life's tender mission
Heart-linked ties 'twixt earth & heaven
Binding us to climes Elysian
Where no leaf by frost is riven—

Wreath the casket o'er with roses,
Bring the fern leaves bright & green:
Fringe the clod that on it closes
With affection's choicest sheen—
Then may memory's softest whispers
Lift but spicy lids of time,
Whence the shadow-folded vespers
Chant their silvery soothing chime.

TRYPHENA C. PARDEE.

Ellington, N. Y.

Written for The Watchman.

OTHER REFLECTIONS.

Deprecating, as I do, the use of personalities in an argument with an opponent; also, knowing that true liberalism grants to all the same privileges; and desirous of obtaining knowledge from whatever source it may come, I desire to ask a few questions of my Bible-Christian-Spiritual Brothers and Sisters—and, perhaps, make a few remarks.

If we know a thing to be true—have tested it, and it has been confirmed; and we fail to give to the Public that truth in its true colors, but dress it up in Theological trimmings, in order to "catch" the public mind—and purse—do we not give the lie direct, and prove ourselves unworthy of the trust reposed in us?

Is it not a crime to "believe" in anything that we do not "know"?

Is it not wrong to herald to the world the divinity or the supposed hearsay mediumistic qualities of a man whom the falsifying contradictions of his own presumed sacred history directly proves to have never existed, even as a man?

If no one interprets or understands the Bible correctly, but yourselves, how do you know that you correctly interpret it, and who gave you the knowledge and power to do so?

If certain sentences in the Bible do not mean as they read, what right has any one to say that they mean something far different?

If you believe the Bible to be of a sacred character—sent from God—you are welcome to your belief.

I do not so believe, and shall endeavor—as far as lies in my power—to show its man-made origin.

Sincerity in a belief, does not make it a truth, and, generally, that which pleases the human mind, is antagonistic to Reason and common sense.

Can you relate any instances of permanent good that this Bible has done in Ages past; or, what good it will do in the Future?

Please give the Public all the particulars. We wish to learn.

In your endeavors to amalgamate Christianity with Spiritualism, can you produce a single instance of those spirit workers, who are carrying Spiritualism on to its highest attainment, of ever returning to earth and teaching the worn-out story of Christ and him crucified, on which the latter part of the "holy novel" is founded?

Some good sayings are in the Book, and should be quoted, whether found there, or, in the *Police Gazette*.

The Bible is held up to us as a guide to morality, and the embodiment and only repository of truth.

Will you, my friends, point out its morality that is not tinctured with crime; or, point to one truth that did not exist Ages before the 1600 year-old Bible was copied from Pagan Mythology—one truth that was not taught by such saviors as Buddha, Confucius, Zoroaster and others?

The Bible proves—if it proves any thing at all—that Jesus Christ was manufactured as a mediator and a redeemer for the sole use of the Roman Catholic Church (Liberty's great enemy), and Spiritualists have no business with him whatever, either to make of him a great medium, an elder brother, or a God.

How can you prove that he performed any one or all of those miracles imputed to him, when you do not even know in what language the originals were written, or, who translated them?

If the first translation of the Bible was as near right as later revisions have been: then, the Book is as near like the original: as the *Arabian Nights*, is like a prayer book.

We have undisputed authority (and can produce it) for asserting that the Bible is nothing more than conglomerated bits of Persian, Hindoo, Greek, Arabic, and Egyptian Mythology, so ingeniously interwoven as to almost defy detection.

God's "Holy" Book has made more "holes" in the Human Family, than any other book ever written.

In what part of the Bible can be found any thing but belief?

Where is the knowledge?

Where is the invincible logic of any fact?

I am willing and anxious to learn.

Does the "Book of God" tell us one word about Astronomy, Geography, Geology, Navigation, Chemistry, Electricity, or Printing?

These are things that have enlight-

ened Mankind more than all that the Bible contains.

If God inspired the Bible to be written, he must have been a very dumb God.

He did not know that the world was round—but made it flat.

He did not know that the Rainbow was formed by the reflection of the Sun's rays on the drops of rain.

God said one thing, and the Church made Mankind believe it.

Science proved the reverse to be true, or explained away the mystery.

Science has been man's greatest benefactor.

Science and the Bible are antagonistic to each other.

Please tell us why you condemn and foretell the speedy destruction of those Creeds that are founded on the Bible: and, at the same time, you are energetically working to uphold that same Bible?

Where is your authority for so doing?

If "True Science (is there any other kind?) confirms the truth of the Mosaic account of Creation, and Moses was the medium thro' whom this record came, and God was its author, for no man, in those days, independent of divine revelation could have written it," (as one writer contends), will he, or others of the same idea, please tell the Public what difference there is between those of such a belief, and the Papists of Superstition's Dark Ages?

How far have they advanced, or can they advance with such a Soul-darkening, Reason-strangling doctrine, above those whose speedy downfall they predict?

Science confirm this account of Creation?

Nonsense. Science proves that it is utterly impossible—even for a God—to separate light from darkness. They have always existed as separate and individual entities.

If God separated the light from the darkness on the first day, of what use was the creation of the Sun, Moon, and Stars on the fourth day to give light?

If the presence of the Sun causes light, and its absence causes darkness, how can this writer's argument find a lodgement in the brain of any sane person?

If it took six days for an all-powerful God to construct such a puny ball of mud, as our earth is, how long did it take him to make such Planets as Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, and others?

The mere statement that:—

"And he made the Stars also," on the fourth day, is a burlesque on the earth business. Such folly.

Science proves that the firmament (the land) and the waters were never united or blended into one—it is utterly impossible for even a God to do it.

Science, or even common sense, proves that when a thing is "without form and void," that it does not exist—Bible assertions to the contrary.

If, "In the beginning," God created, etc., will you please state when the beginning really commenced: and what kind of a being, God is, who had things created by mere command, and, yet, was so tired, that he had to rest on the latter half of the seventh day, for he finished (worked) his labors on that day?

If God inspired Moses to write about Creation, &c., who inspired him to write about the filth, robberies, incests, murders, and other tidbits found in Genesis?

Surely, if God inspired one, he inspired the other accounts. *Pure God!*

It has often been a matter of surprise to me, that men who profess to be advanced in the world of thought, and who claim to be Philosophers, should still cling to that old, worn-out fable of Creation; of the prophets; of the holy men; of Jesus; of his crucifixion; of his sufferings; of his resurrection; of his blood remedy; and of the writers of the Bible being inspired.

These are things of the Past, they are dead—let them remain so.

There is nothing new about Christianity—no new ideas, the same old story and ideas rehearsed—and, I presume, that will account for many of its writers and defenders (who are anxious to get into public print) copying others' ideas, and taking all the credit to themselves. It seems so, at least.

If we go into or by a place of worship on Sunday, we hear nothing but come to Jesus: stand up for Jesus; bring your all to Jesus; safe in the arms of Jesus, etc., either in song or exhortation.

We are not going to stand up for, nor work for him, or any other person, but we will stand up for ourselves, and work for our family.

Jesus has had the whole Christian world standing up for him for over 1600 years, and his supporters are still calling for help.

What does he (Jesus) want men to stand up for him now for?

When will he be able to stand up for himself?

Men have stood up for him (Jesus), who have not been able to stand for themselves.

What does all this crying for help result in?

It is simply a cry for aid, and when interpreted into plain English, it means:—

Bring your money and valuables, and donate them to support a set of lazy people, called Priests and Clergymen.

I want to learn from the Spiritualists, "what they know," not what they believe—that is nothing at all.

Give the readers of THE WATCHMAN, facts—not hearsay, nor what somebody else has seen.

Spiritualism straight—not Theology in its graveyard clothes—is what the world needs.

Do not shrink from your duty, comrades.

Fraternally.

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ROMANISM, INIMICAL
TO GOVERNMENTS AND
REPUBLICANISM.

Continued from November, 1884.

Readers of the noble, alert WATCHMAN, what think you of those noble, fine-looking sons of men, who look like men, and walk like men, courteous and loving like men, spies under such oaths as are required of the Jesuits, and still at all times on the alert, as spies, to injure all who differ from them; and for vile and evil purposes they mingle with men and women; they are in the garb of doves and sheep, but they are false deceivers, and betrayers of all truths, honesty, and Justice—such are the Jesuits, with their Priestcraft and Romanism, wherever they may be seen or found, pouring out the following cursed Oath, upon their fellow beings.

The Cursed Oath. (Horrible).

By the authority of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and the undefiled Virgin Mary, Mother and Patroness of our Lord and Savior, and of all celestial Virtues, Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Prophets, Cherubim, and Seraphim, and all the holy Patriarchs, and all of the Apostles, and the Evangelists, of the holy Innocents, who, in the sight of the holy Lamb, are found worthy to sing the New Song of the holy Martyrs and holy Confessors, and of the holy Virgins, and of all Saints, together with the holy elect of God—may he * * * be damned.

We excommunicate and anathematize him or her from the threshold of the holy Roman Catholic Church of God Almighty.

We sequester him or her, that they may be tormented, deposed, and delivered over with Dathan and Shiram, and with those who say unto the Lord, depart from us, we desire none of thy ways.

As fire is quenched with water, so let the light of him be put out forevermore, unless it shall be that he or she shall repent of their wicked deeds against the holy, only holy Roman Catholic Church, and make full satisfaction. Amen.

May the Father who creates man, curse him; may the Son who suffered for us, curse him; may the Holy Ghost, who is poured out in baptism, curse him; may the holy Cross, which Christ, for our salvation, triumphing over his enemies, ascended, curse him; may the holy Virgin Mary—even Mary the Mother of God, curse him; may St. Michael the advocate of the holy Souls, curse him; may all the Angels, Principalities, and Powers—and all heavenly Armies, curse him and damn him; may the glorious bands of Prophets and Patriarchs, curse him; may St. John the persecutor and persecutor, and St. John the Baptist, and St. Peter, and St. Paul, and St. Andrew,

and all other of Christ's Apostles together, curse him and damn him; and may the rest of the Disciples and Evangelists, who, by their preaching, converted the Universe, and the holy and wonderful company of Martyrs and Confessors, who, by those works, are found pleasing to God Almighty, may the holy Choir of the holy Virgins, who, for the honor of Christ, have disposed the things of the world, damn him and curse him; may all the Saints from the beginning of the world, to everlasting Ages, who are found to be beloved of God, damn him or her and curse them, wherever they may be, whether in the house, or in the alley, in the woods, or in the water, or in the Church.

May he be cursed in eating, and drinking, in being hungry, in being thirsty, in fasting, and slumbering, and in sitting, in living, in working, in resting, and in * * *, and blood-letting, may he be cursed and damned.

May he be cursed inwardly and outwardly; may he be cursed in all the faculties of his body; and may he be cursed in his heart, cursed be he in his brains, and in his vortex, in his temples, in his eyebrows, in his cheeks, in his jaw-bones, in his nostrils, in his teeth and grinders, in his lips, in his shoulders, in his arms and fingers; may he be damned in his mouth, in his breast, in his heart and purtenances, down to the very stomach, that he or she may be cursed and damned.

May he be cursed in his veins, and in his groins, in his thighs, and genitals, and in his hips, and in his knees, in his legs, and his feet, and toe-nails may he be damned and cursed.

May he be cursed in all his joints, and articulation of all his members, from the crown of his head, to the soles of his feet; may there be no soundness in him or in her.

And may the Son of the living God, with all the glory of his Majesty, curse him and damn him; and may heaven, with all the powers that move therein, rise up against him or her and curse them and damn them: unless he or she repent and make satisfaction. Amen. So be it. Be it so. Amen.

Be it known to all you subjects to our holy Roman Catholic Church, that you should do all in your power to carry out the pious intentions of his Holiness, the Pope.

Where you have the electoral franchise, give your votes to none but to those who will assist you in so holy a struggle.

Oh, now, dear brothers and sisters, as Spiritualists and mediums, yes, all ye Protestants, Oh, consider—think and reflect, is it not extremely wonderful how any of you live under such horrid, wicked, fiendish Oaths, as the above?

Could the most ferocious heathens, Chinese, or Indians do any worse—issuing and pronouncing such Oaths upon their fellow beings who differ from them in Religion?

Why no: none but the Irish Roman Catholics of Maynooth College could ever be able to construct, form, and execute such Oaths.

Then, Oh, Spiritualists, is it not high time that each one of you men, women, and even children, were up and moving, with the right foot forward, preparing yourselves for the

field of action, in all its bearings, to meet your opponents, the fiends of all ferocious fiends, the Roman Catholics, even to the murdering of landlords, etc., in their own Countries.

What can you expect—in our free Republic, has not Priest Murphy given out from his pulpit in regard to the Mollie Maguire hangings and murders, has he not stated from his pulpit, that nine out of ten of all the murders committed in the United States, were committed by the Irish Roman Catholics.—See Editorial in Chicago Tribune, as authority.

The Roman Catholics, if the truths were known to you all, are ready to slay you, even under cover of the night. Have they not done it in the Past, wherever they have come into the ascendancy or became masters—have they not done so ever anon—have they not done it in the City of Montreal, with a Roman Catholic Mayor, Willson, and a Roman Catholic Judge—have they not done it in every Country?

Readers, I refer you to the Roman Catholic Newspapers, Periodicals, Pamphlets, and Books, to find the lowest filth in foul-mouthed words, terms, and sentences run into language, used toward all other Sects of Religionists—even the, so-called, pimps and harlots do not use such mean, low, vulgar language to each other, as the Roman Catholics use in their Newspapers, and present such papers to their readers: and yet, the writers of said Articles, claim to be gentlemen of the first waters—Oh, Generation of Vipers in the clothes of Sheep—claiming to be the holy Roman Catholics, and the only holy righteous Christians in the Universe.

Reader, the reverse is the case, from the Pope down to the humblest citizen.

Who are the cursers and swearers in the streets—who are the criminals in jails and out of them, but Roman Catholics, yes, with mighty small exceptions.

Yes, they go to the homes of their opponents, and shoot the people down within a circumference of ten feet from their own door—as did Alexander Sullivan, and his brother, and Mrs. Sullivan, in the late murdering case of an innocent man, at his own door, for no mortal reason, but stating the truth, and not the hundredth part, at that, as was stated, if the truth was fully known to all concerned, and the Public in general, as was set forth by the Rev. M. M. Parkhurst, Pastor of the Michigan Avenue Methodist Church, and preached to his Congregation on Sunday, Aug. 13, 1876, on the real murder of Francis Hanford, and was published in the Chicago Tribune, on Monday, the 14th.

For proofs of the above statement, I refer the reader to the Chicago Tribune of the above mentioned date, and to the Records of the Court.

Now, Spiritualists, and all Protestants, yes, even all who are outside the pale of the Roman Catholic Church:

Be it known to one and all who are the opponents of Popery, that, to the Pope's rule and laws, all Nations of the world must bow; and all Sovereigns hold their thrones; and all people pay their allegiance, on condition that they believe the Creed of Rome, and practice its worship.

And there is no Religion but that

of Rome; and no other Faith to be held or allowed—liberty of Conscience is prohibited. The toleration of all other Religions is a crime against Society.

And all Sovereigns who are Spiritualists and Protestants, are Heretics—and Heresy is a crime for which they ought to be deposed.

And all free thought and free speech on Religion are criminal—even Politics are criminal, except in the hands and power of Rome to control; and liberty of the Press, and of Worship are to be put down.

Reader, beware, this is their Creed and their Religion: and where they have the Power, it is the practice of Rome.

As a Universal, Radical Spiritualist, I sincerely ask all Spiritualistic and Liberal Papers to copy the above Article.

Very Respectfully Yours.

DR. NORMAN MACLEOD.

Chicago, Ill.

"I've the hardest name in this town," said a workingman to a citizen the other day.

"I'll bet a dollar you haven't," replied the citizen.

"Done," said the workingman, "My name is Stone."

"Pass over the coin," said the citizen, "My name is Harder."

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"Read that again, sah; read it once mo', so's de lady kin ketch the full solemnity of de meanin'. Ise been married befo'."

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DRESS REFORM.

Dear Editress:—

My heart leaped with a lighter bound as I read the correspondence of N. A. Pickens, M. D., in the January (1885) WATCHMAN, on Food and Dress.

The first, is the maker of us, in one sense: and the last, is a subject that ought to concern us more than it has done heretofore, as it has so much to do with our health and happiness.

We fancy the Genius does not live, who could devise more torturing systems for the Soul and body, than has prevailed for the last few decades.

FASHION—typical of the mighty spirit of darkness which has brooded over our earth so long.

Said correspondent advocates a moderately trimmed Princess dress—

Well, that is good, or, at least, better than the heavily

trimmed dress which is divided into two or three parts.

But, it seems to me, there is a better method of dress, especially if it is to be worn long, to protect the lower limbs from cold, or, at least, if one is not strong and is susceptible to physical or nervous fatigue, then, a dress reaching just below the knees, is desirable; or, better still, with loose pants falling around the ankles.

Clothed in such a suit as this, many women could endure outdoor exercise, who are now obliged to refrain therefrom, while wearing the long dress of the present customs.

While strong and healthy, we notice not the gradual strain of these things, until they, combined with other influences, have ruined health and happiness.

As long as the world must have Fashions to follow, instead of adopting the grander Principle of dressing each in their own individual way: so long as this must be—we can only pray that Angels of Light may infuse sufficient sense and Wisdom into the brains of the, so-called, Leaders of Fashion's great Army, that their eyes may behold the weariness and woe of which, in a measure, they are the producers.

MRS. L. S. GOODNOW.

Millington, Mass.

Written for The Watchman.

RECOMPENSE.

A jewel for each kindly word
And true, unselfish deed,
Not here, not now, not gems of earth
Which fill men's hearts with sordid greed.

But better far, immortal sparks
Of love-ignited fire,
Which thrill the Soul with holiness,
And sweet thanksgiving prayers inspire.

No work or effort is in vain,
Faint not 'mid doubts and fears,
The glory of each long-sought joy
Shall greet you in the coming years.

Sometime, a moment in advance
Shall bury all your grief,
And bring for ev'ry good seed sown,
A ripened time—perfected sheaf

Of golden wheat grown 'neath the Sun
Of Love and Law Divine,
While here and there past tears of grief,
Like, diamonds beautiful shall shine.

Then bury deep, secure, and well
Within the present time,
The germs of Truth and Charity
Which yield such harvestings sublime.

For none are lost, or worthless prove,
The grand results exist,
And tho' to-day you taste them not,
Some hungry Souls on them subsist.

And Time with Wisdom deep endows,
That causes us to see
That all things are wise, just, and good,
Viewed in our Life's Eternity.

GENA F. SMITH.

Rockland, Maine.

OUR UNSEEN GUESTS.

When the Sun fadeth out in the far away West
And night folds around us, her mantle of rest,
God's Angels unseen, come from their far away shore
To visit the homes of their earth-life once more.

With the morning's first dawn, they also are there
To share in our griefs, to join in our prayer,
And all the day long they work by our side,
Unseen and unfelt, as near us they glide.

HORACE M. RICHARDS.

THE
CARE AND DISPOSAL
OF DEAD BODIES.

Mrs. H. A. Berry:—

Your late Editorials (July and August) in regard to the care and disposal of the, so-called, dead, meet with my entire approbation.

A long time ago, I requested my wife to bury my earth form about as follows, if I should pass into spirit life before she did.

Let my *casket* (for it became vulgar to say "coffin") be made with a bottom board, with sides of open wire or willow work attached to said bottom board, and no top or lid. Cover my form plentifully with flowers and evergreens. All to be so arranged that the clean earth may come in contact with the body, at burial, and, thereby, hasten decay.

At this time, my body has, for about 75 years, been constantly *Materializing* and *de-materializing*, and it is only what may accumulate during the last *seven years* of my earth life, that can be consigned to the grave.

The time will *come*—it *must come*, when the disposing of the fast decaying forms of the dead in the manner of which you recommend, will take the place of the costly and artificial way and fashion which predominates at the present time.

Your remarks on embalming and freezing the body, as well as on Cremation, seem to be very sensible, and accord with the many communications we receive from the higher life; and should be used only when circumstances seem to demand it.

I hope we shall hear from many of your correspondents, on this Subject, for *agitation* is wonderful in the purification of the waters of past inconsistencies, and future improvements.

FRAUD-HUNTING.

Even the *agitation* of "fraud-hunting," gives life and stability to Spiritualism.

Fraud-hunting, seems to be the exalted mission of Mrs. E. D. Slenker; and I should judge that she has a faculty in her composition by which she is admirably adapted for such a position.

But, to have charity, it may be that she is mediumistic and is controlled by mischievous personages who have passed on to spirit life.

I hope that in place of looking after fraudulent persons in *this*, or in *spirit life*, she will let her own better nature enjoy the supremacy, and so in the finale of this life, she will find that this world will be a little better for her having had a place with the rest of us in the affairs and development of Humanity.

SPIRITUALISM.

The grand, old ship of Spiritualism moves proudly on—majestically onward in her undeviating course; she commands the attention and respect of well-balanced, artistic minds thro'out the world, as fidelity and progression fill her canvas, and the angel world directs her course.

To-day, Spiritualism graces both *hamlet* and *palace*; she gives life to Literature, and beauty to Poetry.

She holds the grand Lever of Eternal Progress in command, and is moving the thoughtful Mental world.

UNCLE URI.

Vineland, N. J.

LAND REFORM.

Editor of The Watchman:—

You say that your columns are open to all for a free and liberal discussion on all matters of Reform.

To me, it appears that there is one matter of Reform now lying at the root of all other Reforms, which is, at this time, of more importance than any, if not every thing else—and that is Land Reform.

There is land enough in this Country for every family to have enough to raise food on, and escape from landless, half-paid slavery, and be independent and happy.

But our treacherous Government robs every young man of his birth-right to land, turns him into the highway, and taxes his head; and if he cannot find some man

to hire him for one-half of what he can earn, he must steal, or starve.

And if he steals a loaf of bread to save him from starvation, the Government has a Court and Prison ready to punish him for the crime it has forced him to commit.

Now, the people want instruction in regard to their natural Rights; and encouragement to demand and obtain them.

They have been taught from infancy, that the Government owned all the land; the demagogues, all their (the Government's) notes; and the Parsons, all their Souls: and between these three millstones, the workers have been ground to powder.

Teach your readers that they all have the same right to land enough to raise their food on, that they have to life itself.

Teach them that no Government has any right to sell an acre of land to any one.

Teach them that the land is the natural inheritance of all; and that what is not wanted for cultivation now, should be sacredly guarded and reserved for those who may come after us.

Teach them that no man has a right to more land than he and his own family can cultivate: and that all who claim more, are thieves and robbers, and should be treated accordingly.

Teach the workers who earn all, and who have a right to all they earn, to give up all the Political Parties and demagogues that have been robbing them, and vote for *honest* men who will restore the stolen land to its rightful owners, and thus save the Nation from a bloody revolution, before hunger forces the robbed and plundered men to take the Law into their own hands.

In one place, 500 men are out of employment, in another, 1000, in another, 1500, while their families are on the brink of starvation—and so it is all over the Country.

And what is the cause of it?

LAND-ROBBERY.

It has driven men from the cultivation of the soil, till all other occupations are over-stocked with hands, under-bidding each other to get work for half-price—and cannot get it at that.

There is to be a revolution.

The land is to be restored to the people.

If it can be done by the peaceful means of the Ballot, well and good; if not, the thieves and robbers must go; for the workers *will not consent* to starve.

Yours.

J. HACKER.

Berlin, N. J.

To Mrs. Isabella O. Daniels, who passed suddenly to higher life, May 18, 1884, these lines are affectionately inscribed.

Our beloved Sister was for many years a firm believer in our beautiful Philosophy.

The silent messenger called death,

Came on her unawares—no token gave of his dread presence, "Came as a thief at night"—by stealth:

Her many cares laid down, the rest is sweet,

For, Oh! so weary were her feet,

And her sad heart, with many a wound was sore.

The cross that oft seemed hard to bear,

Has gained for her eternal rest;

A crown of lilies pure and white,

A fitting emblem of her purity,

Is given her in that blest land,

Where sorrow never comes, and parting is unknown.

She liveth still; for death is but new birth;

And tho' at times we cannot comprehend

The many seeming mysteries of earth,

Yet in that land where loved ones dwell,

The mystery, if one there be, is solved,

And rest assured, "He doeth all things well."

So to her loved ones she would say;

Be ever watchful! she will hover round—

Will try and guard you, lest your feet should stray,

In paths beset with thorns, so take ye heed,

And keep your lamps well trimmed and burning,

And when the Master calls, the meeting will be sweet indeed.

MARY E. VAN HORN.

Milwaukee, Wis.

To destroy red ants, grease a plate with lard and set it where the ants congregate; place a few bits of wood so the ants can climb on the plate easily; they will forsake any food for lard; When the plate is well covered with them, turn it over a hot fire of coals; they will drop into the fire, and you can then reset the plate for another catch. A few repetitions will clean them out.

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THE
SOLAR SYSTEM.

We have read Dr. Adam Miller's lecture, in the *Religio-Philosophical Journal* of July 25, 1885, giving the opinions and speculations of the most celebrated Astronomers and Scientists on the construction and operation of our Solar System.

Men, after claiming years of arduous toil and diligent research in the department of Solar Physics, have, voluntarily, given us the results of their investigations.

Their reports are before us, and we may well ask the question:—

What, and how much do we know on this subject?

We say, these exalted Scientists are not dogmatic—they do not pretend to know all there is to know, as Theologians do.

Theologians declare that they have solved the Problem of Life, in its nature, varieties, and phenomena, in five or six hundred different ways, and there is no remainder.

One says that he has but little patience with the men who spend their lives in constant efforts to disturb the tranquility of the Church, by publishing their pessimistic vagaries.

Subjects of this kind may not be interesting to our readers.

But we know that we do not do any thing alone, for, without the continual influx from the spirit of all life, we could neither think nor feel.

Therefore, we inspire thoughts, which corresponds with breathing the atmosphere.

Prof. Zoellner discovered a fourth dimension of Space.

We are now impressed to say that there are three dimensions of Space in the spirit Sphere, which corresponds with this Material Sphere, and is the real world of Souls, and this Mundane Sphere is the result.

The prototype of all that exists, is first in spirit—God is spirit, and manifests continually, as there is no place where life is not.

Each human being is a microcosm, a legitimate child of the spiritual Sun, the same as the earth is of the Solar Orb.

We draw or inspire the sentiments expressed in our Articles, [from the spiritual world], the same as we draw water from a fountain to quench our thirst. We draw from the highest source that we can reach, and give you the result.

Mr. Miller gives us the investigations and decisions of the Scientists.

But, as they have not mentioned the ideas or truths of the Solar System that have been revealed to our mind, we think that it may be valuable to publish our experience in communicating with higher intelligences than ourself—as we could not speculate or originate an idea on a subject

that we knew nothing about until the impression was made on our mind.

Dr. H. R. Rogers published, in the *Chicago Tribune*, a summary of the different explanations of Science, as to the cause of light and heat from the Sun. He notices four theories: viz.:

1. Combustion of cosmical substances falling into the Sun.
2. Arrest of motion of such cosmical substances.
3. Contraction of the Solar mass.
4. Dissociation of compound bodies in the Sun's substance.

Prof. Mitchell says:—

"We are compelled to acknowledge that, up to the present time, Science has rendered no satisfactory account of Solar Light and Heat."

We insist, with all the power that we can muster, that we can communicate with the individual entities of the spirit world; and, that they know a great deal more than we do.

In 1881, we published in *A Fountain of Light*, an Article, the substance of which was as follows:—

"Materialization is not a new idea—but is one of the great Natural Laws of Life, and has been in operation since the beginning of Creation.

"This is a Materialized world, and the Law is always in operation.

"All Vegetation is brought forth by this Law—the leaves, blossoms, fruits, and seeds are Materialized in due season, and de-materialized in due season: and, as Matter cannot be annihilated, it is in existence. And Nature makes use of the same invisible material to clothe the earth every year.

"This earth is one great Magnet—the North Pole being the head, and the South Pole being the feet.

"All human beings are Magnets—little worlds in themselves.

"All visible objects are held in their proper Sphere, by the Law of Magnetism—as the Magnet holds the bar."

In the Spring of 1882, an Article appeared in the Quincy, Ill., *Evening Journal*, from Prof. Patterson, of the Coast Survey, confirming this idea.

Prof. Patterson said that he had discovered that the earth was a Magnet, by the dipping of the needle in California and in Maine.

On June 5, 1883, as the rays of the Morning Sun shone into our room, a voice said distinctly:—

"Shake hands, the Perihelion is born."

It was like a flash from a lamp suddenly passing a window, waking us in surprise and wonder.

We were impressed with thoughts of inquiry:—

Was this the birth of a Planet?
If so, how was the infant born?
And of what did it consist?

We have a Niece, a partially developed medium, and we sit by a table, and an intelligence makes signs to us, in the affirmative or negative, in answer to our thoughts or mental questions.

At evening, we inquired:—

"Was this the birth of a Planet from the aura surrounding the Sun?"

Answered, "Yes."

"Was it a Magnet—a ball of Electricity (fire)?"

"Yes."

We were then impressed with the thought that it would draw from the fields of Space, and Materialize a Planet similar to the earth, that it

would draw matter to clothe itself, and produce life in due time, the same as other Planets; and that by its Negative, Magnetic center it would draw, from the spiritual world, intelligence which is the very essence of all life.

The Perihelion of a Planet, by its influence and near approach to the Sun, has drawn a new Planet from the aura around the Sun, which is now visible in its infancy—the Comet that has wandered from its parent, the Sun, will return in future time, from the fields of Space to receive vigor and strength by drawing Electricity to its center Magnet.

The Sun, as it is revealed to our understanding, is composed of ingredients, metals, minerals, batteries, which generate Electricity (fire), therefore, there is no necessity for material fuel to sustain the Photosphere that surrounds the Sun.

This Photosphere may extend millions of miles, corresponding with the Atmosphere of earth; and as the Atmosphere of earth is produced by integration and disintegration of matter: the Photosphere of the Sun is produced by the same law, and the Sun is neither hot nor light.

Prof. Tyndall, in experimenting with London air, discovered that a luminous ray sent thro' a purely gaseous portion of the Atmosphere, was invisible, and did not scatter nor explode the light.

When the Positive and Negative meet, there is an explosion.

Electricity and Magnetism are the Motor-powers of the Universe.

Positive and Negative forces turn the earth on its axis, and move all things movable. They force the blood thro' the arteries; light to the eyes; and sound to the ears.

Heat, light, and Electricity are one, but there is no intelligence in Electricity, or Magnetism.

It is the Chemical law of integration and disintegration—one law and one Executive—there is no limit to the variations of the law; and the law is inevitable, and cannot be interfered with—and when executed, we see the result.

There is no retrograde movement, no stopping place, but onward and upward.

Mr. Proctor, a Scientist, asks:—

"How does the Sun maintain this fire?"

And answers the question by noticing two theories which have found strong advocates among Scientific men.

One, is by the downfall of Meteoric matter.

And another is, by the Sun's contraction of its substance, by which its heat is maintained.

He also says that there is a process of exhaustion, which will some day come to an end.

Eternity is a circle, and there is no end. All life is in circles or Spheres: and there are as many Spheres of thought, as there are atoms in the Atmosphere of earth.

Aspiration and Progression is in life forever—there can be no destruction of any thing.

Scientists say that there is not any thing wasted or lost.

And we know that there is no death of any thing that exists, but a continual change.

When man arrives at his meridian, his material body fades like the plants

of the field, and withers and returns to dust, and the spiritual body returns to the spirit world from whence it came, with all its faculties, and lives by inspiring thoughts from the Soul-center thro' the spirit brain, the same as in this Sphere.

When the earth arrives at its meridian, (and this may be the Period), it will be de-magnetized, as all matter is held in its various forms by the force of Magnetism, and disintegrate, as Planets are Magnets held in their orbits by the power of Electricity.

We have searched for information regarding the destruction of earth, and have not found any more reasonable revelation than the above conclusion, that the earth will dissolve, de-materialize in the fields of Space, and mingle with its native elements, as the microcosm mingles with the dust.

By the disintegration of the earth, it will not be the destruction of either the material or spiritual elements of its composition—as the material could be used to clothe other Planets: and man would return to his native element.

Man was, before this Planet was in existence.

Every plant and herb of the field, were in spirit before they grew or materialized their kind: and there is not any thing new under the Sun.

The ideas contained in this Article, are beyond our ability to originate.

There is no inherent force in our organism that can produce knowledge without an outside influence touching the instrument, the brain.

The physical brain corresponds with an instrument of music that contains all the apparatus to express the harmony of music—but there will be no music without an outside influence to touch the keys.

We think the sentiment expressed is not unreasonable, and we cannot perceive vagaries, but the light of truth. Seemingly, there is a corresponding harmony with natural laws.

We enquire of the same intelligence that Prophets, Priests, and Sages did since man was capable of thinking.

If these sentiments are true—and when answered in the affirmative, we shall declare them true, until convinced to the contrary.

The Comet is visible in the form of a Magnet—the poles forming the fan, drawing material from Space, to clothe itself.

The Electric rays from the Sun, touching matter make it visible to us.

Mortals clothe their thoughts with their deeds.

All trees draw from the Sphere of their class and order.

One law of life governs all things that exist: and there is no limit to the variations of that law—it is the bread mentioned in the Bible (intelligence) that comes down from heaven (spiritual world of Souls), that, if a man eat (be inspired) he can never die, but think on forever.

If there is a seed of knowledge in the foregoing expressions, it may fall on suitable soil, which soil, if it has not been exhausted by over-cultivation, will germinate the seed and cause it to spread its branches of intelligence, for the birds of intellect to light upon, and plume their wings for a higher flight.

MRS. MINERVA MERRICK.
Quincy, Ill.

THE WATCHMAN.

Written for The Watchman. ANSWERS TO EMANUEL AND OTHERS, IN THE WATCHMAN OF SEPTEMBER.

Dear Friends:—

I do not want to obtrude myself or my personal affairs on the readers of THE WATCHMAN, or to ask any Publisher to print what is unwelcome to subscribers. But when assailed, attacked, and misrepresented, it is no more than JUST, that I be heard in self-defense.

If I had room, I know that I could satisfy a majority of my antagonists, that I am honest, if not right.

But I must condense, or the Paper would not hold replies.

Mr. Dennis comes first, and says:—
"She [Elmina] has a large list of books on sale, which are advertised in every Paper that she writes for."

I do not think that he (Mr. Dennis) will find my advertisement in the *Truth Seeker*, or *Investigator*—the very Papers where it would do me the most good.

I write for 22 Papers, and he will find my advertisement in only six of them, and in four of these, only occasionally.

I pay something in yarn, or money on them all, save the ones in *Matrimonial Review*, and *Missouri Liberal*—MRS. BERRY will assure you that I paid for the one in THE WATCHMAN.

All the books I sell would not pay me profits enough to keep one steady advertisement in the *Truth Seeker*.

I sell books as a part of my work for Liberalism, and to keep up my stamps and stationery for the same.

Would Mr. Dennis work from six to ten hours a day, and board himself, and depend upon the profits of sales that do not clear 50 cents a week outside of all expense?

Mr. Slenker has begged, urged, and almost commanded me to quit the whole thing, for eight or ten years past. He says that I am killing myself by hard, unappreciated labor, besides wasting time that I might employ more profitably.

But, as I never neglect home duties for Public work, I feel that I am doing right to continue my labors thro' the few years that I am able to do so.

I shall sow the seed, hoping that others will harvest and enjoy the crop.

Mr. Dennis' mistake No. 2.

I never said the whole matter was a fraud. I DID say, "I never expected to find a spirit." How could I expect it, when I believe there are none to find? But I did expect to find real Phenomena that would look wonderful, marvelous, and unexplainable, tho' I found none that I could not have produced under the same conditions.

I went to Mr. Keeler to get, not a spirit picture, but what he called such, and what others believe such. I went because I thought it my duty to see all phases of the Phenomena that I could.

I am invited to go to Liberal, Mo., and see the Phenomena there, and am promised full chances of investigation.

I have had a bequest of about a thousand dollars; so I shall be able

to take this trip without being hired by others: and I hope that the cavilers will find less to complain of, than they did before, tho', no doubt, they will find enough, if they create it.

I shall wait further developments there, so as to be sure there is enough to make it desirable.

Now for Emanuel—tho' I have answered his questions over and over again, but, like the slanderers of Paine and Voltaire, they will not down.

As to asking help for dead people, I wonder if he has not learned that advertisements are never taken down or changed free of cost.

Now, I have never asked for help for Broom, or the Tuttles, or Austin Kent since they died.

All the circulars sent out, and notices in advertisements inserted before they died, will remain till Publishers choose to take them out.

I have sold one book of Tuttle's in the past year. I bought and paid for four dozen, so, till they are sold, I shall be using no money not my own.

I have sold three of Broom's books—enough to pay postage on what I sent to the widow Robinson, to whom he owed \$15 of borrowed money. I shall pay her all I receive for his books.

If I need money, I'll ask for it in my own name, and not in the name of others. If I was needy and not able to help myself, I would not hesitate to ask help from friends—but Emanuel need not fear my asking him.

Does he not make a blunder by accusing me of appealing, and then asking why I stopped appealing?

Perhaps I should have said, I condemned only professional fraudulent mediums.

Since reading the new book published by J. P. Mendum, of Boston, Mass., called IDEOLOGY, written by La Roy Sunderland, I see that it may be possible for disease to render some special senses so abnormally acute as to make it possible for Clairvoyance to be a fact, within certain limits.

I have never had personal proof of it, but I am almost convinced of this, and of something like Mind-reading.

I shall be glad to write my trip in full for any Paper that will print it. If Emanuel will secure its insertion, I will revise it and send it.

Certainly, I will "own it" if convinced that we live after death; and I will work as hard for the new belief, as I have for the old one.

I hold no opinion, to-day, that I would not gladly change for another, tomorrow, if I was convinced that the new one was correct and true.

I may sometimes make too sweeping an assertion—but I mean what I say, when I say it—tho' I may neglect to say it all, and fail to see the if or but.

Mrs. Mills prophesied three deaths that were to come into my family before mine—telling who they were.

Where is the "bigotry or prejudice" in hoping that these will not be fulfilled prophecies?

How could people think that I knew nothing of Spiritualism, when I had read the *Banner of Light* for 12 years, and had read hundreds of other Spiritual Papers and books and letters, and had written upon the subject for nearly half a life-time?

I merely said that I had SEEN none of the Phenomena.

Is Emanuel crazy, or does he think his readers ninny's.

I used no trickery with Mr. Caffrey—I simply paid him to do his work. Had my marked slates come up from under the table, I should have felt that there was something unaccountable about it. As it was, it was all trick, that I could duplicate.

Personal flings are no help in hunting truth.

I am ashamed to ask space to reply to such quibbling as Emanuel's.

Mr. Dennis is honest, and means fair.

I have proved all this to Emanuel, over and over—I am exceedingly sorry that I was forced to do it again. But in justice to myself and my friends, I could do no better.

Honestly and Earnestly.
ELMINA D. SLENKER.
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A MESSAGE
FOR
MRS. E. D. SLENKER.

Mrs. H. A. Berry:—

I have just been reading one of "Elmina's" Articles wherein she claims that she had never received a message that she could recognize as coming from spirit life, when, a few days afterwards, while strolling along the street, leisurely, I saw a sign on a door announcing that a medium lived there (name unnecessary). Out of curiosity, I entered—had a sitting—received the following:—

To Elmina D. Slenker:—

Thee has never been farther from the truth than now.

Thee has had power to do much good, but thy inordinate love of praise has eclipsed it all.

Had thee been honest in thy investigations, thee would have been no longer in doubt. Thy prejudice was so strong, thee could not overcome it.

Thee thought thy conversion to Spiritualism would convert the world; that if a message from D. M. Bennett was given thee, all would believe THEE, when thee believes no one who assures thee that many years of close investigation and even participation has left not a shadow of doubt. Was not this narrow, egotistical vanity, and palpable self-conceit?

Seek to be humble, meek, and teachable, then can thee learn how little thee knowest of the laws of life and of spirit force and progression.

Assume not the right to teach, until thee has been taught of the spirit, then, thee may, in all simplicity, bow thy head and listen to spirit voices, that will instruct thee in the way of peace, love, and righteousness.

And when thee has learned the true and right way, then, thee can teach others.

That thy spirit may become clothed in the garb of humility, and thee learn, while in the earth Sphere, not to arrogate to thyself, powers and attributes belonging only to the Gods, is the prayer of thy friend,

LUCRETIA MOTT,
In Spirit Life.

I can assure you that as I was not thinking of the subject, that it was not Mind-reading, as Mrs. S. may claim. I give it as taken down at the time.

Perhaps Mrs. S. can find fault with the

"OR-THO-E-PY," as she did with other messages, but that matters not. Her denial of facts, will not alter them.

As far as my investigation has gone, it is my candid opinion, that the efforts of a universe full of such as Elmina, to destroy Spiritualism, is worse than maniacal.

Mrs. S. complains that the writer, "Emanuel," has been very severe and unjust with her.

I have read both sides, and think that he was only fighting fire with explosives, and he has finally stamped it so low, that it will but faintly flicker in the Future.

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